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——————— *Aurem*
Vellit & admonuit. —— Virg. Ec. VI.

The following Diſcourſe was read laſt week, before the Society, by that eminent and learned Phyſician EPHRAIM QUIBUS, M. D.

VARIOUS have been the reports and opinions of the town, concerning the operation to be performed by WILLIAM CHESELDEN, Eſq; Surgeon to her Majeſty, Fellow of the Royal Society, Surgeon and Lithotomiſt of St. Thomas's Hoſpital, on the ears of one Rey, a Malefactor, condemned laſt Seſſions to be executed at Tyburn, but graciouſly reprieved on account of this intended Experiment. Some are of opinion, that this ingenious Gentleman concludes, that if perforating the Drum of the ear ſhould be found to make a man deaf, who at preſent enjoys the ſenſe of hearing, the ſame operation will bring a perſon to hear, who is deaf at preſent. Mr. WOOLSTON is ſingular in his ſentiment. This learned and ingenious Gentleman takes the whole ſtory to be allegorical, and ſuppoſes, that by an operation on the Drum, is meant no more than making a great noiſe. But I differ from him intirely: as I know Mr. CHESELDEN to be already too famous, to ſtand in need of beating a drum, or ſounding a trumpet to proclaim his ſkill in Chirurgical Operations. Beſides, a drum would be a very improper Allegory for ſo ingenious a Gentleman to make uſe of: it being not only noiſy, but empty. For my own part, I take the thing in a literal ſenſe; and verily believe the operation will be performed. I am the more inclined to believe it, becauſe I am informed that he tried the very ſame experiment ſome time ago on the ears of a dog: but alas! we have quite loſt the benefit of the experiment; for the incurious ſon of a bitch took the advantage of a back door being open, and ran quite away. I hope the door will be ſecured when the experiment is tried on Mr. Rey: for ſhould he have as unphiloſophical a mind as the dog, and ſhould his heels be as ſlippery as his fingers; he may ſerve us the very ſame trick, and leave us as much in the dark, as we were before. Some are of opinion, that this ſame drum is not to be ſeen in a living man; and ſo that when the operation is ſaid to have been performed, we may remain in ſome doubt, whether it has been performed or not. But this is a trifling objection; for tho' another perſon may not be able to ſee it, yet a truly curious operator may: as I well remember, when I purſued my ſtudies at Leyden, the perſpicacious Mr. LEWENHOECK could ſee things very clearly by means of his glaſſes, of which I, with all the eyes I had, and even aſſiſted with the beſt of that Gentleman's glaſſes, could not get ſo much as a glimpſe. But, ſhould it be granted that it will not be in our power at preſent to be ſure of the operation having been performed: it is highly probable that the perſon, who is the ſubject of it, will, like others of the ſame claſs, return to his old trade, and ſoon give us an opportunity of being certain, either in Warwick-lane or Surgeon's-hall. For my own part, I have long been of opinion, that not only the drum, but the whole organ, commonly known by the name of the ear, is of no uſe at all in hearing, notwithſtanding the vulgar opinion. I ſhould be glad of an opportunity of extirpating the ears of ſome Malefactor, to try the truth of my conjecture. It would, indeed, be a noble and glorious uſe of condemned perſons, if inſtead of being executed, they were all to undergo ſome experiment for the benefit of mankind, and ſatisfaction of curious and inquiſitive perſons: We might then have an opportunity of trying this and many experiments on the ears. We might take out each of thoſe little bones, which Anatomiſts have diſtinguiſhed by the names of Hammer, Anvil, &c. and obſerve the effect on the ſeveral perſons, who ſhould be ſubmitted to theſe obſervations. It would be a very curious experiment, to try whether the *Retina* is of any uſe in ſeeing, as is generally imagined. A needle might eaſily be introduced into the eye, as in Couching, and the *Retina* removed, as one of the humours conſtantly is, in that operation. The ſpleen might be taken out of ſome of the vileſt Malefactors; and an experiment made, whether their inclinations to evil courſes depend on too great a quantity of the *Atra Bilis*, as has been formerly ſuppoſed. Should it appear, that they conſtantly forſake their former way of life after the performance of this operation, which I think very probable; it would be a moſt uſeful diſcovery, ſince we need do no more than cut out the ſpleen of a Malefactor, to render him a good and uſeful ſubject. Another experiment, which I would recommend to be tried, is the tying up one of the teſticles, to ſee whether by that means the ſex of a child begotten at ſuch a time may be determined. This has been aſſerted by many grave writers; but we have never yet had ſufficient evidence of the truth of the aſſertion. This experiment I look upon as of the greateſt conſequence: for by this means many illuſtrious families might be informed of a juſt and certain method of obtaining an heir to their eſtates. I apprehend very little difficulty in trying the experiment. A jury of widows might be impannelled on ſuch an occaſion: and, I doubt not, but in this curious and inquiſitive age, many virtuous Ladies might be found, who would gladly make the experiment, out of a pur ſpirit of philoſophy. But if there were any difficulty in this, there could be none in obtaining ſuch women as ſhould lie likewiſe under ſentence of condemnation: who commonly take care to put themſelves into a condition of obtaining a reprieve, without any good end anſwered to the publick. It may be objected, that this would be an incouragement to wickedneſs, eſpecially among women; if, after the commiſſion of capital offences, inſtead of being executed, they ſhould be employed in pleaſing their appetites. But this objection is, I think, of little force: for, as they muſt be ſtrictly confined to one man, I am fully perſuaded that they would look upon that reſtraint as a moſt grievous puniſhment. I apprehend an objection of more conſequence from the Clergy; who, I fear, will repreſent theſe mixtures as unlawful. I know there is no bringing ſuch men off from their prejudices: and therefore, if a clamour ſhould be raiſed on that account, the experiment might be made on ſuch Malefactors as are married. Nay, as many of both ſexes are daily willing to enter into that happy ſtate, without any proſpect of advantage: I ſee no reaſon to queſtion but that moſt would be glad to enter into it, rather than be hanged. Thus we could never be at any loſs for proper ſubjects, to afford us a ſufficient opportunity of ſatisfying our curioſity.

THE following Letter was received ſome time ago.

IN your Journal, Numb. 45. you ſay that you have *gone thro' the character of* HUDIBRAS *and his Squire; as far as they are drawn in the firſt Canto; and beg leave to obſerve, that our Author ſeems to have had Sir* SAMUEL LUKE *in his eye*, &c. Now this is to aſſure you, that he did not mean him. The following account is true, and if you think fit to give this a place in your Journal, you will oblige

One of your conſtant Readers, W. H.

There was when BUTLER wrote HUDIBRAS, one Colonel ROLLS, a Devonſhire man, who lodged with him, and was exactly like his deſcription of the Knight; whence it is highly probable, that it was this Gentleman, and not Sir SAMUEL, whoſe perſon he had in his eye. The reaſon that he gave for calling his Poem HUDIBRAS was, becauſe the name of the old Patron Saint of Devonſhire was *Hugo de Bra.*

We think our ſelves obliged to this Gentleman for this little hint; and we ſhall be glad if any other perſons, who can clear up any obſcurity in that Author, will, thro' us, communicate their illuſtrations to the publick.

To the Author of the Grub-ſtreet Journal.

SIR,

MR. BICKERSTAFF's learned diſſertation on the Almanacks excited my curioſity to look into ſome of them, which I have done with no ſmall pleaſure and ſatisfaction. There are many things in them worthy of notice: and I wonder that you have given us no account of their Poetry, and that Dr. QUIBUS has taken no notice of Dr. SEASON's Advertiſement, at the latter end of Lane's Almanack. I am, Sir,

With the moſt profound reſpect,
Your very humble ſervant, Q. S.

I ſhall take an opportunity of looking into the poetical part of theſe learned compoſitions. The Advertiſement mentioned by our kind correſpondent, is, indeed, a Maſter-piece in its kind: it ſeems to require no comment, and is as follows;

ADVERTISEMENT.

'THAT HENRY SEASON, of Broomham, near the 'Devizes, in the County of Wilts, Secretary to Nature, 'and Inveſtigator of Arts from his youth, having more 'eſpecially, theſe ten years laſt paſt, wholly devoted himſelf to the ſtudies of Philoſophy, Aſtrology and Phyſick, 'and all other arts requiſite for one to learn, who would 'practice phyſick as he ought to do: And, for the more 'illuminating the art of phyſick, and confirmation of his 'own experience, he hath written ſeveral Manuſcripts on 'phyſick, wherein are ſome hundreds of remarkable obſervations on diſeaſes and cures, (ſuch as have occurr'd 'to him in his eight years practice;) beſides having 'given his Countrymen as convincing demonſtrations of 'his abilities in Aſtrology and Phyſick, as any in this 'country have ever done, by his certainty of judging, 'and ſucceſs in curing the many difficult diſeaſes, as moſt 'that know him allow he has done, (the bleſſing of God 'attending him:) Moreover, this being farther to ſignify, 'the above-named doth calculate nativities, and give judgment aſtrological on diſeaſes, ſhewing their cauſes, event, 'terminations and cures, if curable, as far as art can 'dictate, or reaſon comprehend.

This ingenious Gentleman would do well, not to bury his parts in the Country. It would certainly turn to his advantage to remove to London, put the Faculty into a better method of practiſe, and publiſh ſome *Hiſtoria Morbi de quo &c.* for which his learning and abilities ſeem to have abundantly qualified him.

BAVIUS.

LONDON.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *Whitehall Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*
C. *Crafts-man.*
F. *Fog's Journal.*

Important Articles omitted in our laſt.

Tueſ. morn. a Barber's Apprentice in Long Walk, cleaning windows 2 pair of ſtairs, fell down, broke one of his arms, and was much bruiſed. *S J. Dec.* 24. *E P. WE.* 26. —— Yeſterday Mr. Hart, who keeps [kept] a Livery ſtable in Coleman-ſtreet, being under ſome diſcontent of mind, hang'd himſelf, *C.* 25. *S J. WE.* 26. —— This day Francis Leigh, Eſq; Son of Sir John Leigh, Bar. ſets out for his Father's ſeat at Addington near Croydon, to paſs the Chriſtmas. *C.* 26 —— Yeſterday morn. a man was found drown'd in Roſamond's Pond. *P.* 28. —— The ſame day Mr. Clark, a Broker in Shoe-lane, ſhot himſelf dead. Saturday morn. 2 private Centinels were whipt by the drums on the Parade, &c. *C.* 29.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 31.

Yeſterday morning ſeveral Officers belonging to the Army, ſet out in order to repair to their reſpective Regiments at Gibraltar and Port Mahon. *C.*

The Perſon taken up at Norwich, on ſuſpicion of being an Incendiary, and who ſtyled himſelf his Majeſty's Courier-General for Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and wore a Gorget as a badge of that Office, has given bail for his appearance at the next Aſſizes in Norfolk. *D J.*

Friday an Attorney was committed to Newgate, upon the late ſtatute, for felonioufly forging and publiſhing a promiſory note for 10 Guineas payable to himſelf or order. *Ibid.* —— *I ſuppoſe he had not qualified himſelf for buſineſs according to* the late Statute.

The late H. Mrs. Smith, has by her laſt Will bequeath'd to her waiting Woman's Mother, who us'd to char in her family, 3000 l. and all her cloaths and linen, and to the waiting woman 200 l. *Ibid.*

We hear from Oxford, that Mr. Fran. Wiſe, B. D. of Trinity College, and Keeper of the Aſhmolean Muſæum, is about publiſhing an account of the ancient Hebrew, Phænician, Samaritan, Punick, Sicilian, Greek, Roman, Britiſh, Saxon, and Engliſh Coins, in a Series to the 16th. Century, now in the Cabinets of the Bodleian Library. This Collection was firſt began by A. B. Laud, augmented by Dr. John Barcham, Dean of Bocking, (who had then the beſt collection in England) by Mr. Freke of Hanning-

ten, and ſeveral other Benefactors; and it is ſuppos'd, when this Catalogue ſees the light, we ſhall have no reaſon to bluſh at the ſo much boaſted Cabinets of France and Italy, and be able to ſhew the World, there have not been wanting Genius's at home in this moſt uſeful ſtudy equal to thoſe in Foreign Parts, as well in making ſuch collections, as in abilities towards rendring them beneficial, as well as amuſing to mankind; and ſuch we expect to prove the labours of this Undertaker, who is thought every way *par operi. D P.*

The Commiſſioners for rebuilding the Church of St. Giles in the Fields, having had ſeveral Drawings and Propoſals laid before them, we hear they unanimouſly approved of thoſe preſented by that ingenious Architect, Edw. Shepherd, Eſq; who built the D. of Kent's fine Houſe in St. James's Square, the E. of Thanet's and Albemarle's in Groſvenor Square, &c. *Ibid.* In *D J. Jan.* 1.

Lavington in Wiltſhire, Dec. 26. This week a man and his wife were committed to S. bury Goal, for ſending threatning letters. The money was laid as directed, and the woman came firſt with a Lanthorn, and ſeeing it was in the place went away, and then her husband came and took it out, but was immediately purſu'd by a watch, who ſeiz'd them both; but the man having ſince made his eſcape, 10 guineas reward is offer'd for retaking him. 4 *Ev.* —— *I hope this Rogue will not be able to* eſcape his Wife, *if he ſhould the gallows.*

The Lady Diana Haſtings near Bo ough Brigg in Yorkſhire, hath had a threatning Letter. *S J.* upon which ſhe is preparing to come to Town. *L E.*

The 17th died at Paris the R. H. L. Viſc Falkland, and is ſucceeded by his eldeſt Son, Lucius Charles. His Lordſhip is the firſt Viſcount in North Britain. *E P S J. L E.*

A few days ſince died at Reading in Berkſhire, the Rev Mrs. Kirton, a famous and eminent Preacher amongſt the People call'd Quakers; and laſt week her corpſe was attended by a great number of coaches, and inter'd at Hammerſmith. *S J.* — *I believe my Brother who ſo very wittily calls this* Mrs. Kirton the Rev. *is miſtaken in ſaying that ſhe was* a famous and eminent Preacher, *ſince it is not uſual for the Spirit to raiſe the Female Divines to any local* eminence *above their audience.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 1.

Yeſterday morning their Majeſties, his R. Highneſs the P. of Wales, and the Royal Family, went from S James's to Kenſington Gardens, &c. *P. D J.* Her Majeſty being perfectly eaſy from her late indiſpoſition of the gout, accompany'd with his Highneſs the Duke, &c. took the air in Kenſington gardens, &c. *C* —— *This* Author *having the beſt intelligence from Court, gave us an account of* her Majeſty's indiſpoſition *laſt Wedn. in the following Article,* Her Majeſty finding herſelf ſlightly indiſpos'd with the gout, is adviſ'd by her Phyſicians to keep her chamber. *C. Dec.* —— *That very day I met* her Majeſty, &c. *walking up Conſtitution-hill. However, as he gave* her Majeſty the Gout *on wedneſday, he has apply'd a very expeditious and efficacious remedy to cure her on friday.*

Yeſterday the following Promotions were made at Court, the R. H. Spencer E. of Wilmington, was declared Preſident of the Council Ab. Stanyan, Eſq; his Majeſty's late Embaſſador at the Ottoman Porte, and Edw. Jackſon, Eſq. formerly Reſident at the Court of Sweden, Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord Privy Seal: Sir Rob. Rich, Bar. Groom of his Majeſty's Bed-chamber, declar'd Col. of the Regiment of Black Horſe in Ireland: Col. Chur. Cathcart, Groom of the Bed-chamber, made Col of the Regiment of Dragoons on the Iriſh eſtabliſhment and Col. John Hargrove made Col. of Cathcart's Regiment of Foot. *D P.*

The moſt Chriſtian King having conſtituted the Count de Broglio, his Embaſſador at this Court, a Knight of the Order of the H. Ghoſt, he yeſterday receiv'd the enſigns of the Order by an extraordinary courier. *Ibid.*

Wedneſday night died at his houſe in Iſlington, Dr John Hurwood, a Doctor of Civil Law, and of the Commons who has left a large eſtate to his ſeveral Children. *Ibid.*

We are inform'd that Dr. Jane having reſign'd Greenwich Hoſpital, the worſhipful Dr. Steph. Hall, of Hackney, is appointed Phyſician in his room. *Ibid.*

Yeſterday at the quarter Seſſions for the Royalty of the Tower, Sir John Gonſon gave a very learned and ingenious Charge to the grand Jury, and put the High Conſtable, &c. in mind of their duties in apprehending Rogues, Vagrants, &c. particularly thoſe who go about with Orange-Barrows and dice, which, tho' it may ſeem to ſome a minute thing, is often attended with very ill conſequences; Apprentice Boys, School Boys, &c. are taught to play at dice; and when once they have contracted a habit of this low gaming, and loſe their money, they too often rob or pilfer from their maſters or parents. *Ibid.* Sir J. Gonſon opened the Seſſions with a very learned and eloquent charge. *D J.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 2.

Norwich, Dec 26. Our Corporation are very diligent in making diſcoveries relating to the Incendiaries.——A perſon, who call'd himſelf Franco, and marry'd a young lady here at firſt ſight, was lately ſecur'd, and carry'd up to London by 2 meſſengers. —— *Marriage and hanging they ſay, go by deſtiny, and one is ſometimes a refuge from the other.* —— Wedneſday an eminent Brewer and a Sadler, and 3 others were taken into cuſtody for publiſhing a treaſonable Paper, intitled *A Letter from the D. of* Wharton, *ſhewing the reaſons why he left England, &c.* We hear the Brewer has accuſed a Wool-comber, who is alſo taken into cuſtody. *C.* —— *Theſe* Incendiaries *will hardly come off ſo well as ſome who have been already tried. The* Sadler *will no doubt endeavour to lay the* ſaddle *upon one of their backs, tho' perhaps not that of the right horſe.*

Yeſterday being the firſt day of the new year, their Majeſties receiv'd the Compliments from the ſeveral Nobility, &c. at the ſame time the Ode for the day, compos'd by Colly Cibber, Eſq; Poet Laurear, was perform'd: the muſick by Mr. Eccles, and the Voca by Mr. Hughs, Mr. Gates, &c. and gave a general ſatisfaction to all that were preſent. *Ibid.* ——Yeſterday the Ode was rehearſed at the Bell Tavern Weſtm. before a great number of Nobility and Gentry, with univerſal applauſe. *P. Jan.* 1. —— *Theſe* New-years Odes *have always the happineſs to be* rehearſed *and* performed *to the* general ſatisfaction, *and* with univerſal applauſe.

The ſame day the 40 Mathematical Boys, educated in Chriſt's Hoſpital, in the ſchool founded by K. Charles II. were according to the yearly cuſtom, preſented to his Majeſty. *Ibid. D P.*

The H. Mrs. Purſley, Dreſſer to her Majeſty, is appointed Governeſs to the Princeſſes Mary and Louiſa. *P.* —— Miſs Mary Meadows, Maid of Honour to her Majeſty, and D. to Sir Phil. Meadows, Knt. and Knight-Marſhal, is appointed Governeſs to the Princeſſes Mary and Louiſa, with a ſalary of 500 l. per ann. and a table. *D P.*——Mrs. Marg. Purſell, Sempſtreſs to their Majeſties, and Laundreſs to his Majeſty's body linnen, is appointed to take care of the Princeſſes, &c. with a ſalary of 550 l. per ann. till a Governeſs ſhall be appointed. *D J. Jan.* 4.

Yeſterday the R. H. the L. Carteret, was at Court to wait on their Majeſties, and was graciouſly received. *P.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to order that 30 l. per ann. ſhall be paid out of the Treaſury, for the ſupport of the poor of the pariſh of S. Mary le Strand. *C.* —— He has alſo granted his Royal Letters Patent to Mr. Geo. Kettle in Tooley-ſtreet, Southwark, for making or dying hats of differen colours with ruffs, except black. *Ibid.*

The experiment to be try'd on Cha. Ray in Newgate, is in order to diſcover, whether deafneſs cannot be cur'd by purging. It is to be done by an inſtrument, which is to cut the Tympanum, or drum of the ear, which will demonſtrate whether the hearing proceeds from the Tympanum, or from the nerves that lie between that and the Conſeptor of the ear, it being the opinion of ſeveral eminent Surgeons, that deafneſs is principally occaſioned by obſtructions in the ſaid nerves. The tryal of the experiment is put off to next week. *D J.* —— *The* D P. *of Jan.* 4. *ſays,* We hear it is laid aſide.

A few days ſince Geo. Burrington, Eſq; Gov. of North Carolina, was married to a young Lady of a conſiderable fortune; and this day ſet out to embark for his Government. *S J.*

We hear that a penſion of 400 l. per ann. from the Crown is ordered to be ſettled on the Counteſs Dowager of Deloraine. *Ibid. L E.*

We hear from Malmsbury, that on wedneſday laſt Will. Rawlinſon, Earle, Eſq; Member of Parl. with his Father for that Borough, was married to Miſs White, an Heireſs of 20,000 l. fortune. *L E. In* D P. *Jan.* 4.

MONDAY, *Jan* 4.

Yeſterday morn. died at his houſe on Snow-hill, Mr. Dobbyns, ſenior Surgeon to S. Bartholomew's Hoſpital: a perſon eminent in his profeſſion, and particularly famous for cutting for the ſtone. *C.* of a pleuretick fever: Firſt Surgeon of, &c. *P.* Chief Surgeon of, &c. Fellow of the Royal Society, &c. He is ſucceeded, as Father of the Hoſpital, by Mr. Green. *D P.*

Thurſday laſt was the greateſt ſpring tide that has been theſe 50 years, the water running 6 inches higher than at the tide which occaſioned the breach at Dagenham. *D J.*

Preſton, Dec. 29. On the 23d the Rev. Mr Peploe, Archdeacon of Richmond, Vicar of this place, had a threatning letter laid at his door. *Ibid*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 5.

Yeſterday morn. 200 recruits went from the Savoy, on board a veſſel in the river, to reinforce the garriſons of Gibraltar and Port Mahon. *C.*

Yeſterday in the evening the wife of Mr. Bright, a very wealthy Peruke-maker in Spring garden, Charing-croſs being under ſome diſcontent, hang'd herſelf in her chamber. *D P.*

We hear that the election for an aſſiſtant Surgeon of S. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, will be on friday ſe'nnight; the Candidates are Mr. Nourſe, Mr. Blagden, Mr. Scrafton, Mr. Tutte, and Mr. Holloway, when it is thought Mr. Blagden ſtands fair to be choſen. *C.*——Mr. Holloway, Mr. Nourſe, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Jacob Lee; the laſt ſerved Mr. Danſie, and is thought to have a very good intereſt. *L E.*

Bath, Jan. 1. A certain Tonſor, of this City has been ſo vile as to——with his own Daughter, under 12 years of age, and has villainouſly given her the Neapolitan diſorder. *E P. S J. W E.*

Briſtol, Jan. 2. At Barnſtable, 3 Incendiaries were lately taken up, and conducted to Exeter-Jail, one was handſomely dreſs'd, and had a conſiderable ſum about him. In thoſe parts they go by the name of the Briſtol Firemen. *Ibid.*

The Rev. John Lynch D. D. having a Nephew too young to accept of any ſpiritual Preferment, has obtained for him the place of Wood-Reeve to the L. A. B of Canterbury worth about 400 l, per ann. *L E.*

My Brother John Trott *having corrected an* erratum *in the* Craftſman of Saturday *laſt, I think I ought to inſert it, as it ſtands in the* Courant. In the Article of Foreign Affairs, inſtead of *Extract of a private Letter from the Hague,* read *A Letter from* D——ly *near* Cr—f—rd, Middleſex. *C.* —— *Some* Hague Letters *have been formerly, and perhaps are ſtill written in* Grub-ſtreet.

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 6.

The Rev. Mr. Hayter (Chaplain to the A. B. of York) was lately made Sub-dean in the Cathedral Church of York. *C. D P.*

We hear that the great prize of 50,000 guilders, in the Utrech lottery, now drawing, is fallen to a Perſon, &c. *D J.* —— *It would have given more ſatisfaction to the Public, to have mentioned the name of this* Perſon, *than that of him who procured the Ticket.*

Laſt friday one Mullins, and one Vol, a foot ſoldier, quarrelling at Hyde-Park Corner, the latter drew his ſword, and ſtabb'd Mullins in the left ſide, of which he died inſtantly. Vol is committed to the Gate-houſe: and the Coroners Inqueſt brought in their verdict Wilful murder. *D J.*

Monday, the Lady Chaplin, Relict of Sir John Chaplin, of Tathwell in Lincolnſhire, Bar. was brought to bed of a Daughter. By her not having an heir male, 300 l, per ann. goes with the title to Tho. Chaplin, Eſq; and a conſiderable perſonal eſtate to the Siſters of the late Sir John. *D P.* — The eſtate deſcends to Tho. Chaplin, Eſq; and the title to a young Gent. a Student at Cambridge. *P.* An eſtate of about 2000 l. per ann. goes to Sir John's 2 Siſters, after a third ſhare to Mrs. Chaplin. *D J.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint the Rev. Dr. Sydell, Dean of Canterbury, to be Biſhop of S. Davids; and ſhortly his Majeſty's Congé d'Elire will be ſent down to the Dean and Chapter of S. Davids for electing the ſaid Dr. Sydell. *D. J.* —*If he is* conſtituted and appointed, *I ſee no occaſion for his being* elected.

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

Tho' the generality of our Members have no intereſt at all, either in the riſe or fall of Guineas, we thought our ſelves obliged (upon the late report that they were to be lowered) for the information of the Public, to reprint a Calculation of the value of Gold and Silver, in proportion to one another, made by the Great Sir ISAAC NEWTON, and printed in the *Daily Courant,* Dec. 30. 1717.

A pound wt. Troy of Gold, 11 ounces fine, and one ounce allay, is cut into 44½ Guineas, and a pound wt. of Silver, 11 ounces 2 penny wt. fine, and 18 penny wt. allay is cut into 62 Shillings and according to this rate, a pound wt. of fine Gold is worth 15 pounds wt. 6 ounces, 17 penny wt. and 5 grains of fine Silver, reckoning a Guinea at 1 l. 1 s. 6 d. But Silver in bullion exportable, is uſually worth 2 d. or 3 d. per ounce more than in coin. And if at a medium ſuch bullion of ſtandard allay be valued at 5 s. 4 d. half penny per ounce; a pound wt. of fine Gold will be worth but 14 pound wt. 11 ounces, 12 penny wt. and 9 grains of fine Silver in bullion. And at this rate a Guinea is worth but ſo much Silver as would make 20 s. 8 d.

A Spaniſh Piſtole was coined for 32 Reas, or 4 Pieces of eight Reas, uſually called Pieces of Eight, and is of equal allay, and the 16th part of the weight thereof. And a Doppio Moeda of Portugal was coined for 10 Cruſadoes of Silver, and is of equal allay, and the 16th part of the wt. thereof. Gold is therefore in Spain and Portugal of 16 times more value than Silver of equal wt. and allay, according to the ſtandard of thoſe Kingdoms: at which rate a Guinea is worth 22 s. 1 d.

In France, a pound wt. of fine Gold is reckon'd worth 15 pounds wt. of fine Silver. By the Edict of May 1709, a new Piſtole was coined for 4 new Lewiſes, and is of equal allay, and the 15th part of the wt. thereof. And by the ſame Edict fine Gold is valued at 15 times its wt. of fine Silver; and at this rate a Guinea is worth 20 s. 8 d. half penny.

The Ducats of Holland and Hungary, and the Empire, were lately in Holland, at 5 Guilders in ſpecie, and 5 Stivers, and commonly changed for ſo much ſilver monies in three Guilder Pieces; and Guilder Pieces, as Guineas are with us, for 21 s. 6 d. ſterling: at which rate a Guinea is worth 20 s. 7 d. half penny.

According to the rates of Gold and Silver in Italy, Germany, Poland, Denmark, and Sweden, a Guinea is worth about 20 s. and 7 d. 6 d. 5 d. or 4 d. In Sweden Gold is loweſt in proportion to Silver.

In China and Japan, one pound wt. of fine Gold is worth but 9 or 10 pounds wt. of fine Silver; and in East-India it may be worth 12. And this low price of Gold in proportion to Silver, carries away the Silver from all Europe.

So then by the course of trade and exchange between nation and nation in all Europe, fine Gold is to fine Silver as 14 ½, or 15 to 1: and a Guinea at the same rate is worth between 20 s. 5 d. and 20 s. 8 d. half penny, except in extraordinary cases. And it appears by experience, as well as by reason, that Silver flows from those places where its value is lowest in proportion to Gold, as from Spain to all Europe, and from all Europe to the East-Indies, China, and Japan; and that Gold is most plentiful in those places, in which its value is highest in proportion to Silver, as in Spain and England.

It is the demand for exportation which hath raised the price of exportable Silver about 2 d. or 3 d. in the ounce above that of Silver in coin; and hath thereby created a temptation to export or melt down the silver coin, rather than give 2 d. or 3 d. more for foreign Silver: and the demand for exportation arises from the higher price of Silver in other places than in England, in proportion to Gold, that is, from the higher price of Gold in England than in other places, in proportion to Silver; and therefore may be diminished by lowering the value of Gold, in proportion to Silver. If Gold in England, or Silver in East India could be brought down so low as to bear the same proportion to one another in both places, there would be here no greater demand for Silver than for Gold to be exported to India; and if Gold were lowered only so as to have the same proportion to the silver money in England, which it hath to Silver in the rest of Europe, there would be no temptation to export Silver rather than Gold to any other part of Europe. And to compass this last, there seems nothing more requisite than to take off about 10 d. or 12 d. from the Guinea; so that Gold may bear the same proportion to the silver money in England, which it ought to do by the course of trade and exchange in Europe: but if only 6 d. were taken off at present, it would diminish the temptation to export or melt down the silver coin, and by the effects would shew hereafter, better than can appear at present, what further reduction would be most convenient for the Publick.

Mint-Office, ISAAC NEWTON.
Sept. 21, 1717.

N. B. Sir Isaac settled the value of the Lewidors of France at 17 s. 3 farthings, and the Portugal Moeders at 27 s. 7 d.

Mr. DACTYL informed the Society, that he had mislaid an Epigram of 10 verses, which had been intrusted to him. However, he said, it could not have been printed just as it was sent, there being a great mistake in it, in relation to *Laurel* and *Bays*, which he thought expedient to rectifie, according to the opinion of the learned Mr. RAY: who assures us, *That the tree, now commonly called* Laurel, *is not the* Laurus *of the Antients, that being our* Bay-tree, *but a plant unknown till of late, bearing an esculent fruit like a cherry, and yet an evergreen; the Latin name of which is* Lauro-cerasus. He concluded in saying, that to supply this loss in some measure, he had brought 2 Epigrams, the first of which he composed upon the model and thought of that which he had mislaid, having reduced it to 4 lines; and the other he heard in Conversation.

An EPIGRAM.

WHY, envious Bards, such clamours will you raise,
Against your elder Brother crown'd with Bays?
Has it not ancient, annual custom been,
For wreaths of Bays t'adorn old Posts with green?

ANOTHER.

WHAT! CIBBER Laureate made! O heav'ns! forbear,
All ye Non-jurors, if you can to swear.

Our Correspondents are desired to send their Letters for the future Postage paid; we having received the last year a great many which were of no use to us.

Edinburgh, Dec. 24. Two Girls in the Merchants Maiden Hospital, having been taught only 3 weeks the French method of spinning, have spun exceeding fine yarn at the rate of 12 and 1 half spinle in the pound Averdupoize; or 14 spinle in the pound Troy weight. ——— Tuesday a Letter in the stile of the Incendiaries was dropt, directed to Bailey Seton, demanding 5 l. a piece of Cambrick for ruffles, &c. but the Bailey's Son calling to remembrance a young Lad, one Al. Spiers, had been frequently complaining for want of ruffles, some of the writing was compared with the letter, and found to be the same hand: whereupon he was taken into custody, and has confess'd, that he wrote that and 2 others. *C. P. Dec.* 31. ——— *The latter part of this is since contradicted.*

S. Andrews, Dec. 17. His Majesty having been pleased to present the Rev. Mr. Archibald Campbel, to be Professor of Church History, and additional Professor of Divinity in the University of S. Andrews, he was this day admitted, and had his inaugural Oration. *P. Jan.* 5.

Part of the Speech of Jon. Belcher, Esq; *Governor of the* Massachusetts-Bay *in* New-England, *to the Gen. Assembly, Oct.* 28. 1730. —— 'I have waited with all the patience you could possibly desire, to bring you to a ingenious sence of your duty to the King, by your just and reasonable compliance with his Royal instruction for setling a salary on me and my successors. And altho', after spinning out this session to an unexpected length, you are come into something that has indeed more the face of that duty and respect you owe the King, than you ever before manifested; yet it does not answer his Majesty's just expectation from you. And, as nothing else lies before you, I am willing to give you a reasonable recess, for your more wise and serious consideration of this important affair; hoping you will return from your several Countries full of duty and loyalty to his Majesty; and thereby take off the force of that part of the King's instruction, wherein (on your non-compliance) he commands me immediately to repair to his Kingdom of Great Britain.

From the New-York Gazette, Nov. 2. —— The following lines were put over the door of the General Court, viz.

OUR Fathers cross'd the wide Atlantick sea,
And blest themselves when in the desart free;
And shall their Sons, thro' treachery or fear,
Give up that freedom, which has cost so dear?
Whate'er pretence our enemies may frame,
The man is alter'd, but the cause the same.
From Cæsar's Court shall Cato fawning come,
Be sure that Cato is no friend to Rome.

A stranger passing, by took a piece of chalk, and writ underneath the lines following.

THEIR Father's cross'd the wide Atlantick sea,
To be in deserts, from their deserts free;
And shall their Sons with glaring insolence
Support a cause so void of common sense?
Whate'er pretence this stubborn people frame,
The case is alter'd, but the men the same.
From Cæsar's court should a new ruler come,
Be sure they'll starve him, as they've others done.

W E. *Dec.* 31. *from* P. 30. — *These last lines shew, that there is a* Grub-street *in* New-York.

His Excellency Jon. Belcher, Esq; has published a Proclamation for a publick Thanksgiving on Nov. 12th, for the manifold blessings and favours of God, particularly in continuing the invaluable life of our sovereign Lord the King, with his Royal Consort, &c. in succeeding his Majesty's wise Councils, for restoring and establishing the peace of Europe, in prolonging the ecclesiastical and civil privileges of this people, in restoring health to many of our towns, &c. *D J. Jan.* 2.

Jamaica, Oct. 9. The Sloops Crews who have fished on the wreck of the Spanish man of war, have made themselves rich fellows, some of them having shared 1000 pistoles a man; which if they secure, few will be displeased, considering the insolent behaviour of about 300 Spaniards saved from the wreck, and the ill usage of their Nation to those of ours who have fallen into their hands. The said 300 had the impudence to challenge to encounter, man for man, with the Town of Kingston; but our Governor has now put a stop to their audacious behaviour. *D J.* 6.

Jamaica, Oct. 12. The beginning of the last month, the Genoese, a Spanish Man of War, of about fifty guns, was stranded on Point Pedro shoals off this Island; and it is said that she had in her 3,[illegible],0[illegible] of treasure. The small Fregates we have on this station, and the Assiento snow, have assisted in saving the men and treasure; and at this time the Experiment lays by the wreck, to keep her from being plunder'd. It is said that they have saved above 150.0 l. out of her. *P. Jan.* 4. ——— A Proclamation has been publish'd for apprehending Neal Walker, Jos. Stroud, and several others, who went to the wreck of the Genoese, and fish'd up a great deal of money, and afterwards shared and divided it among themselves, &c. *C. Jan.* 5.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 31.

This Day arrived one Mail from Holland.

Rome, Dec. 16. The Pope hath been confined to his bed these 10 days by the gout. Card. Corsica [Colcia] hath offered to resign his Archbishoprick of Benevento, on condition of receiving a pension of 3000 Scudis, and the presenting to the benefices in that Diocese. *E P.*

Vienna, Dec. 30. We expect from Hungary several 1000 horses for remounting the Cavalry, which, 'tis said, will be made 10000 strong. *S J.*

FRIDAY, *Jan.* 1. 1731.

Venice, Dec. 23. N. S. Our last letters from Constantinople of Nov. 13. advise, that the Ottoman Troops were still under arms, and declared, that they would not lay them down, 'till the promises which had been made them were performed. That they called aloud for war; and it having been proposed to prosecute that with the Persians, they rejected it. It is incredible what an immense Treasure was found in the coffers of the late Sultan, the Grand Vizier, the Kiaia, and the Caimacham. *C. D P. S J.*

It is observed, that the new Grand Seignior goes frequently into the old Seraglio, to consult the deposed Sultan his Uncle, upon affairs of importance; which was never known before. *P.* —— *Nor now neither: for this very Author in his* Paper *of* Jan. 2. *tells us, I suppose, the real business which the* New Sultan *had with the* Old, *in the following Article;* Our last letters from Turky say, the new Sultan had put out the eyes of his Uncle lately deposed, &c. *P.* 2.

Seville, Dec. 10. A resolution is taken to put all the battalions on the foot of 750 men each, which will make an augmentation of 25,000 men. *D P.*

Rome, Dec. 16. His Catholick Majesty has at length complyd to receive Signor Allemanni for Nuncio: which news the Pope received with great joy. *Ibid.*

SATURDAY, *Jan.* 2.

Yesterday arrived the Mail due from France.

Madrid, Dec, 19. N. S. His Majesty taking into consideration the antiquity of the College of Fonseca in the University of S. James, has granted it the title of Great, with the same privileges that are enjoy'd by the great Colleges of Salamanca, Valladolid and Alcala. *C.*

Hamburgh, Dec. 29. Some advices from Petersburg say, they had received orders from Moscow to make the necessary preparations for forming a camp of 40 or 50 000 men. *Ibid.*

At the end of a long account of the late Revolution *at* Constantinople, *this Reflection is added:* See here the woful end of State Ministers, who govern'd with the most absolute authority, and most refind policy that ever Minister made use of, &c. *D P.*

MONDAY, *Jan.* 4.

Venice, Dec. 14. N. S. The 8th being the festival of the Conception of the B. Virgin, the picture of the B. Virgin painted by S. Luke, was exposed to the veneration of the people. *C.*

Seville, Dec. 8, Our Ministers hold frequent conferences with those of the Allies, to settle measures for the next Campaign, since all hopes of an accommodation begin to vanish, and a war is looked upon as unavoidable; for which purpose greater preparations are now making than ever. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Jan.* 5.

Rome, Dec 16. N. S. His Holiness will permit Theatres and the Carnival, but not the scandalous Masquerades, among which has, for some time, been introduced the use o the *Domino*, which resembles the Cardinal's habit. *Upon which the ingenious Author makes the following severe Reflection:* And indeed all sober persons allow these Masquerades are one of the Devil's most impudent inventions, wherewith to affront Christianity. *P.*

Yesterday arrived the Mail due from France, and one from Holland.

Paris, Jan. 10. N. S. Letters from Rome advise, that on the 20th Card. Coscia sent the Pope his resignation of the Archbishop ick of B nevento: but his Holiness would not receive it, because he refused to resign it witho t reserving to himself a good pension, when his Holiness advised him so to do. *C. P.* A good pension, granted to him by the late Pope at the time he made him one of his Council. *D J,*

Seville, Dec. 15. 'Tis not yet known when the effects of the Florida will be distributed; and 'tis even questioned, whether the Court will come to a resolution in that affair till after the arrival of the Count de Rottemburg, the new Ambassador of France. Mr. Keene, Minister of Great Britain, has presented a memorial upon occasion of the Fort which the Spaniards are erecting before Gibraltar. *C.*

Vienna, Dec. 27. 'Tis said the Imperial Court has made Remonstrances to that of France relating to what was discovered some time ago at Luxenburg, and have desired the affair may be narrowly examined into, and an account transmitted to the Emperor. *D J.*

WEDNESDAY, *Jan.* 6.

Rome, Dec. 20. Signor Charles Dasse has lost in his own house, his purse with 50 Crowns in it, which he had in his breeches pocke; and therefore has got put in prison his Footman, and a Comrade of his: but this should be a warning to other Masters to lay their breeches under their head, and not throw them upon a chair at random. *Fast bind, fast find: Dame, lay up well your keys; for Ill layers up make many thieves: and Those who through their own negligence lose their goods or money, are accomplices in the robbery; and as the Scotch proverb says,* merit the scorn, as well as the scath. *P.* —— This string of Proverbs, and the general manner of these Reflections of this Correspondent of the *Post Boy*, make me suspect, that he is descended from *Sancho, Don Quixote*'s Squire; or is at least a great admirer of his way of reasoning.

Vienna, Dec. 29 The Imperial Courier Luca, arriv'd from Conſtantinople lately, reports, that the Turks ſhew great Civility to the Chriſtians, particularly the Subjects of the Emperor; and that the Porte has leſſen'd the duties of the Cuſtom-houſe in favour of our Oriental Company. *Ibid.*

Paris, Jan. 1. A certain able Mechanick of Provence pretends here to have found out the perpetual motion, and is ſhortly to perform before the Academy of Sciences: Our Mathematicians wait the iſſue with much impatience. *Ibid.*

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